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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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For : APPARATUS FOR MAKING A)
STREAM OF TOBACCO SHREDS)
Atty. Dkt. : 31653-152135 RK)

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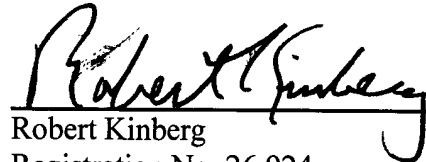
Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98 within the time set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b).

Attached is a PTO-Form 1449 listing the publication mentioned at page 5 of the application, where the relevance is indicated. No further statement of relevance is required.

As all requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, and all official guidelines pertaining to Information Disclosure Statements have been complied with, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the publication and make it of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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